



STEEL VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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Steel Valley's new Homecoming Queen is Leah Estes-Harris.

Leah is a co-captain of the cheerleading team, a captain of the volleyball team, co-president of student government, president of the prom committee and is also a part of SADD, Spanish club, and Global Hands. She has a 3.02 GPA and is currently attending Steel Center for Cosmetology, where she will receive her cosmetology license in June. She was presented with her crown and sash by last year's Homecoming Queen, Riley Furrick.

Joining Leah in the Homecoming Court were Deanna Bird, Madison Blasko, Dara Brown, Chelsea Bulger, Brooke Farrah, Brenna Kern, Jennifer Nguyen, Myrian Perez-Paulino and Jasmine Wargo.





Steel Valley School District Community Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.
High School Library



Join us for our next monthly meeting aimed at making
the Steel Valley School District better than ever.
To make this happen, we need you!

We're looking for parents, students, alumni,
faculty, staff, business leaders, and any other member
of the Steel Valley community to join us.

This meeting is open to everyone in our community.

We want your feedback about Steel Valley, including the best ways
to effectively communicate and share information about our district.

Join us and please spread the word!

Please excuse our virtual dust! Steel Valley launched a brand new website on Monday, Sept. 26. The new design provides a fresh look, but it's just one step in the improvement process. Over the coming weeks and months, you may notice additional changes. Please be patient with us as we streamline content, make the website more accessible, improve navigation, and make additional changes. Thank you!

STEEL VALLEY SPOTLIGHT



FUNDER UNDER THE BRIDGE

**Sunday
October 23
2022**

Steel Valley School District Fundraiser
Under the Homestead Grays Bridge
More Details To Come

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The Funder is coming!

Steel Valley's annual fundraiser extravaganza, Funder Under the Bridge, is set for Sunday, October 23 under the Homestead Grays Bridge at the Waterfront.

This year's event will feature activity booths from a number of extracurricular athletic, academic and creative arts groups. There will be performances from students, raffle baskets to win, music, refreshments, and much more.

Plus, where else will you get an opportunity to pie a Steel Valley luminary in the face? As a special treat, if the weather holds, the dunk tank will also be returning. This is a great opportunity to have some fun while supporting the Steel Valley School District.

Keep an eye out for more information as the annual Funder Under the Bridge returns on Sunday, October 23.

BARRETT ELEMENTARY NEWS



The Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday, September 30 was the perfect way to cap a busy month at Barrett Elementary. The students were excited to chant along with the cheerleaders and marching band, meet the homecoming court, and help the football team get pumped up for their game that night. The highlight, of course, was the tug of war between Barrett students and the visitors.

October should be just as exciting, as Barrett has several special events coming up. The kindergarten fashion show will be held on Friday, October 14 at 1 p.m. The PBIS Grade Level Color Day, where students in each grade can wear specific colored shirts, will be on Tuesday, October 18. The Fall Festival and Parade will be Friday, October 28 at 1:30 p.m.

There will be several parent and family events in October, too. Wednesday, October 12 is National Stop Bullying Day and will feature a Title I parent event called Snackin' and Yackin'. There are two time periods for parents - one morning session at 9 a.m. and one afternoon session at 1 p.m. Barrett will also host Trunk or Treat as part of its Halloween celebration. Trunk or Treat is on Wednesday, October 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Plus, the Barrett PTO Hoagie sale runs through October 14. Orders and money are due that day and hoagies can be picked up on Wednesday, October 19.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be making a stop at Barrett Elementary from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, October 17. The Care Mobile offers medical care to children throughout the Pittsburgh area and will be available for families in the Steel Valley community with this visit to the high school. The Care Mobile can provide immunizations, routine physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses in children, adolescent and youth adult health care, referrals for specialty care, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) form assistance.

All of the services are provided at no out-of-pocket cost to families. Anyone interested in stopping by the Care Mobile should make sure they arrive by 1:30 p.m. on October 17 in order to register in time. The Care Mobile is a collaboration between UPMC Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown. Anyone in need of more information before the visit can call 412-352-1059 or visit www.chp.edu/our-services/mobile-medical-clinic.

PARK ELEMENTARY NEWS



Park Elementary is excited to welcome back visiting artists from the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust this year. Each grade level is partnering with a visiting artist, who will work with teachers and staff to integrate the arts into the classroom lessons. Miss Delana is working with second graders and brought a musical flair to the classroom. Students put together a band that featured singers, guitarists, drummers and brass horn players.

The artists will also provide professional development to teachers and staff during their time at Park Elementary. The visiting artist program was a big hit when it debuted last year and Park is excited to continue the program this year.

The students also really enjoyed showing their school spirit during homecoming week, which was capped by a visit from the cheerleaders, marching band, football players and homecoming court for a very fun pep rally.

Park will get into the Halloween spirit starting with Trunk or Treat at the Waterfront on Thursday, October 20. Trunk or Treat will last from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Then, on Friday, October 28, Park will host its Halloween Parade at 1 p.m. Later that evening, fourth graders will be able to enjoy a Halloween Dance from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Park.

The Steel Valley School District is hiring for several positions for the 2022-23 school year. Qualified substitute nurses, substitute teachers, substitute secretaries, substitute paraprofessionals, substitute cafeteria workers, and more are all needed. A full list of openings [is available on the web site.](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Students at Steel Valley Middle School have made a huge impact on the sound and size of the Steel Valley Marching Band. Middle school students are eligible to play in the band again, and the switch has helped the band grow from a low of 13 members at the end of last season to a more robust 38.

“My brother was involved in the marching band last year and I was very involved, even though seventh and eighth graders couldn’t be in the band,” eighth grade clarinet player Loki Brown said. “They were such good friends and they were so close. They had so much fun together and I was like, ‘I want these friendships.’”

For more about the marching band, [check out the story on the district website.](#)

Middle School picture retakes will take place on Wednesday, October 5. Any student who would like their school picture retaken must bring in the original proof form with a parent signature.

Student Government will be selling lollipops at dismissal through Friday, October 7 for \$1. Stop by the fundraiser table near the chorus room. All proceeds from this sale will be donated to the middle school team at next week's Light The Night walk. Our team is walking in honor of Jim Fitzgerald and all those fighting the courageous battle against leukemia.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



The Middle School and High School Student Councils are joining The Caring Place in selling t-shirts for Children's Grief Awareness Day on November 17th. The cost of the t-shirt will be \$10. A portion of the t-shirt sales is given back to the programs and supports of The Caring Place. Organizers have added additional funds to the sale to give back to the Tears Foundation in honor of a Steel Valley staff member and her family who lost their son this past summer. This is another local organization that provides grief support services to families who have lost a child. Organizers would like sales finalized by October 6th to assure on-time arrival. Please forward any questions to Erin Noblet x2023 or enoblet@steelvalleysd.org. An order form is [available on the district website](#).

Jostens is running a sale on the 2023 yearbook preorders through Friday, October 7. Purchasing now secures a lower price, as well as a special sale on custom personalization for the yearbook cover. You can [purchase a preorder of the yearbook on the Jostens website](#).

Stay up to date with what's happening on our social media accounts! The district has a Twitter account and Instagram account, as well as individual Facebook pages for each of our four schools. Click the respective icons at the bottom of the newsletter to make sure you're following us!



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